

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Robert Chaffee  
Serial No: 09/862,858  
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For: A FASTENER FOR USE WITH A FASTENING  
ELEMENT AND AN INFLATABLE DEVICE FOR USE  
WITH THE FASTER

Examiner: Fredrick C. Conley  
Art Unit: 3673

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 1, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Changes to the Claims are shown by strike through (for deleted matter) and underlining (for added matter).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.